IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO.433 OF 2005
WITH
WRIT PETITION (LODGING) NO.3548 OF 2004

Sushil Kumar Pandey and others Petitidoners

versus

the Security Guards Board for Greater Bombay and Thane Districts and others Respondents

Santosh Vitthal Yedge and others Petitioners

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The Security Guards Board for Greater Bombay and Thane Districts and others Respondents

Ms.Ranjana Todankar, adv. for petitioners.
Ms.Vaishali Baviskar i/by P.M.Pabhlkar, adv. for respondent no.1.
Mr.C.U.Singh i/by M.V.Gaokar, adv. for respondent no.2.

Ms.Ranjana Todankar, adv. for petitioners.
M.S.Topkar, adv. for respondent no.1.
Mr.C.U.Singh with M.V.Gaokar, adv. for respondent no.2.

CORAM : H.L.GOKHALE AND
S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, JJ.
DATE : 14th February 2005

PC :

1. Heard Ms.Todankar in support of both these petitions. Mr.Topkar appears for respondent no.1 Board and Mr.Singh for respondent no.2 principal employer. Mr.Singh has filed reply in both these

petitions.

2. The case of petitioner is that they are employed with respondent no.2 through respondent no.3 agency. They fear termination of their services and they claim that they have certain rights under Maharashtra Private Security Guards (Regulation of Employment & Welfare) Act, 1981. They, therefore, seek protection of their services.

3. Now as far as this aspect is concerned, it has been stated in the reply of respondent no.2 that respondent no.2 did need guards earlier but now they do not need them any longer and if at all any guards are required, they will engage the guards either through respondent no.1 Board or from exempted guards. It will certainly be open to respondent no.2 to engage direct employees. As far as petitioners are concerned, they may seek their registration with respondent no.1 Board. Their applications will be decided by the Board within two weeks from the date of receipt of applications. We cannot do anything more in these petitions. Petitions disposed of.

(H.L.GOKHALE, J.)

(S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.)